

**NOTICE FOR MOTORIZED PLACER OPERATIONS IN THE
ROYAL GORGE FIELD OFFICE AND ARKANSAS HEADWATERS RECREATION AREA**

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Royal Gorge Field Office
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PROPOSED LOCATION OF OPERATION(S)

(check all that apply)

Name _____

Address _____

City _____

State _____ Zip Code _____

Phone Number _____

Other contact information:

Rail Road Bridge Area (GPAA Claim north of Buena Vista) _____

Point Bar Area (GPOC Claim/Woody's Claim near Swissvale) _____

Cache Creek _____

Other _____ (use back of this page)

PROPOSED OPERATION TYPE: See attached conditions of use and check all that apply.
(check applicable and provide brief description)

SUCTION DREDGE (IN WATER OPERATIONS) _____

HIGH-BANKER (ON SHORE OPERATIONS) _____

SMALL COMBINATION UNIT _____

ENGINE SIZE (total HP): _____

INTAKE HOSE DIAMETER: _____

Other equipment information: (See back of this page)

BONDING : *See packet for information on bonding*

Bonding Amount: _____
(The bonding amount is established by the BLM)

Be aware that:

- Notices are authorized for a two year period
- Notice level work can only be conducted during the open season (see conditions of use)
- Enforcement of applicable regulations to protect the public health and safety and the environment will be administered by appropriate federal, state, or local authorities.

BLM Completes this section

Notice Number: CO-200- 2006 _____ N

COC: _____

Date Received: _____

Date Mailed : _____

Expiration Date: _____

Payment Information

Type

Date

Initials

I have read and agree to abide by the attached stipulation and agree to the terms and conditions of this notice. I also understand that I need claim owner permission to access mining claims.

Signature (applicant)

date

Signature (Authorized Officer)

date

Over the Counter Authorization. In some cases, authorization can be obtained at the time of application for public land areas on the Arkansas River. The following thresholds apply to over the counter authorizations.

- In stream (suction dredging) equipment is limited to 4 inch intake nozzle and 8 hp motors.
- On shore (high banking) equipment is limited to a 3 inch intake hose or nozzle and 8 hp in total motor size.
- On shore activities are restricted to either the Woody's Claim/Point Bar/GPOC area or the west side of the Arkansas River in the Railroad Bridge Area under claim by the Gold Prospectors of Colorado.

Review Level authorization. Notices that exceed the thresholds for over the counter authorization will require a 15 day review period that begins when a complete notice has been submitted. Bonding for review level notices will be determined on a case by case basis.

Plan level Authorization. Any application that is determined to fall under the definition of mining or submitted within an Area of Critical Environmental Concern will be defined as a plan of operations under the 43 CFR 3809 regulations and subject to those parts of the regulations pertaining to a plan of operations as opposed to a notice.

Supplemental Information for Review Level Authorization (attach additional sheets for more information)

Location information for other proposed sites	Map included: Yes___ No___
<i>You will need to include a <u>topographic map</u> with work location marked, a <u>legal land description</u> using township, range and section (s) <u>and claim name and CMC number</u> for all sites other than those listed above for any on shore or high banking activity. Note: if other locations are proposed, formal review and evaluation will be needed prior to any approval!</i>	Legal land description: (township-range-section) Claim Name and CMC (serial) Number:
Equipment Description:	Access Description: <i>If any road building or improvements are proposed.</i>

Conditions of Use – All Placer Activities

Royal Gorge Field Office:

- Streamside (riparian) vegetation shall not be damaged by operations.
- Motorized vehicles are restricted to designated roads and parking areas and shall be kept at least 20 feet from the edge of the stream, and away from wet or muddy areas next to the stream, streamside vegetation, or wetlands.
- All applicable park and camping permit rules within the Arkansas Headwaters Recreation Area must be followed. **If you are not in a developed campground, state law requires that you carry a portable toilet and fire pan.**
- On shore excavation locations shall be refilled upon completion of work. If the operator leaves the area for more than a two-day period, all reclamation work must be completed.
- All trash, debris, or other items that were brought to the area, shall be removed to an approved disposal site when work is completed.

Public lands in general:

- Control erosion and water runoff.
- Take measures to isolate, remove, or control toxic materials.
- Reshape and re-vegetate disturbed areas where reasonable and practicable.
- Rehabilitate fisheries and wildlife habitat where reasonable and practicable.
- Maintain equipment, and other facilities in a safe and orderly manner.
- Do not collect or disturb of historic or archaeological resources or sites.
- All operations are required to comply with applicable state or federal regulations pertaining to threatened and endangered species.
- Unnecessary and undue degradation of public lands is not authorized.

Note: Conditions of use for notice level activity including: high banking, suction dredging, and use of the Cache Creek placer area are listed on the back side of this sheet.

Enforcement

Enforcement of all applicable regulations to protect the public health and safety and the environment will be administered by federal, state, or local authorities as appropriate. For example, state park personnel may enforce regulations pertaining to litter or environmental damage. The primary federal regulations applicable to mining law activities are the 43 CFR 3809 regulations.

Unpatented Mining Claims

Individuals should also be aware of the presence or absence of mining claims and obtain claimant approval prior to any activity. Mining Claims are recorded in the applicable county courthouse and also in the BLM Colorado State Office located at 2850 Youngfield street in Lakewood. They have a public room where mining claim records can be looked at and they can also be contacted from 9-4, M-F at 1-303-239-3600. On line, records of unpatented claims are now available on line at the following web site. <http://www.blm.gov/lr2000/> and they are also available in a map form at <http://www.geocommunicator.gov/GeoComm/index.html> .

Conditions of use – Notice Level Activity

☐ All notice level operations

In addition to the standard conditions of use for all activities on public lands, the following are also required for notice level work:

- Notice level operations along the Arkansas River are prohibited between October 1 and March 31 to protect brown trout during the fish spawning period.
- Operations shall not take place within 200 feet of a public water supply intake, fish hatchery intake, irrigation diversion structure, bridge support, or boat ramp.

☐ High Banking

- A settling pond or area that prevents direct return of processed water to the river or stream is required for all high banking activities.
- High banking is only authorized in the Point Bar area, the west side of the Arkansas River in the GPAA claims area, and the Cache Creek area as described below. **Note:** Public access to the west side of the GPAA claim is currently not available (as of 2005)!
- Disturbance or undercutting of trees is not authorized.

☐ Suction Dredging

- Materials too large in size to be moved by hand or hand held implements shall remain undisturbed.
- Anchorage systems for suction dredging operations shall not span the stream or interfere with the passage of watercraft.
- Gasoline engines must be filled in a manner that prevents spills into the river and fuel stored at least 100 feet from the river.

☐ Cache Creek

- Activities are limited to panning, dry washers, metal detectors, and high banking. Suction dredging is not authorized in any part of the Cache Creek area.
- High banking is authorized only during the season of use, Memorial Day to November 30.
- High banking is limited to the designated area shown on the map in the handbook.
- The only disturbance authorized within the stream area is the placement of water pumps. Only pumps of 5 hp or smaller are authorized in this area with a maximum nozzle size of 1½ inches.
- Construction of diversion ditches, road building, or other earth work is not authorized.
- Access shall be restricted to the existing parking area. The power line access road may not be passable by 2 wheel drive vehicles during inclement weather. It is recommended but not required that users have 4 wheel drive vehicles. Note that the power line access road is also closed from Memorial day to November 30.
- On-shore work areas are limited to those areas at least 20 feet from the stream and outside of any riparian zones (stream side or wetland vegetation).
- Refueling of motorized equipment shall take place at least 20 feet from the waterway or adjacent wetlands.

☐ Attached (Special conditions of use)